

REMARKS

Claims 1-68 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 11, 20, 30, 39, 49, 58-59, 62, 65 and 68 are the independent claims.

The Office Action states that Claims 58 and 68 are allowed and that the remaining claims are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

The foregoing claim amendments place claims with the noted allowable subject matter in condition for allowance such that prosecution may move toward issuance. In particular, base Claim 1 has been amended to recite allowable Claim 58 in method form. Claims 13-15 and 17-19 have been made dependent on Claim 59 which now recites the allowable subject matter of Claim 68 in method claim style. Claims 21-29 are amended to be dependent from allowable Claim 58. Claims 32-34 and 36-38 are amended to be dependent on allowable Claim 68. Base Claim 39 is now amended to recite the article of manufacture of allowable Claim 58. Dependent Claims 51-53 and 55-57 are now amended to be dependent from Claim 65 which now recites the allowable Claim 68 as a computer program product. Claims 63-64 have been made dependent on allowable Claim 68. Remaining Claims 11-12, 16, 20, 30-31, 35, 49-50, 54 and 62 have been cancelled. No new matter is introduced. Acceptance is respectfully requested.

With regard to the rejection of Claims 1-68 under § 103, the foregoing claim amendments cancel some of these rejected claims and make the remaining claims dependent on a claim now reciting allowable subject matter, i.e., base Claims 1, 39, 58-59, 65 and 68, as now amended and explained above. As such the rejection should be withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all non-cancelled claims (Claims 1-10, 13-15, 17-19, 21-29, 32-34, 36-48, 51-53, 55-61 and 63-68) are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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